



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8456**  
Ayaaki ISHIZAKI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_1526A  
Serial No. 10/508,784 : Group Art Unit 1651  
Filed November 19, 2004 : Examiner Deborah K. Ware  
  
A METHOD FOR CONTINUOUS  
CULTURE OF THE ANAEROBIC  
MICROORGANISMS : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 13, 2007, the date for response having been extended to May 13, 2008 by the Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any  
deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated  
with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975*